

## SPECIAL EDUCATION HEARING OFFICER LIST

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In Texas, special education due process hearings are conducted by impartial private practice attorneys and administrative law judges from the State Office of Administrative Hearings who meet the standards outlined in the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) and additional standards set by the Texas Education Agency. Below are the names of the current special education hearing officers and descriptions of their professional experience.

HEARING OFFICER	PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE
<b>Craig Bennett</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1995. Graduate of Baylor University School of Law. Administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings since 2000. Experience in administrative law, employment law, civil rights, mediation, and governmental liability. Contract special education hearing officer since 2013.
<b>Beth Bierman</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1987. Graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Administrative Law Judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings 1995-1998 and 2012 to present. Administrative Law Judge/Hearings Examiner at the Texas Public Utility Commission 1988-1995. Experience in administrative law, public utilities law, and mediation. Contract special education hearing officer since 2014.
<b>David A. Berger</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1992. Graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law and LL.M awarded by the Judge Advocate General's School of the Army. Experience in administrative and criminal law. Former military judge. Administrative Law Judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings since 2014. Contract special education hearing officer since 2014.
<b>Tommy Broyles</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1990. Graduate of Southern Methodist University School of Law. Administrative Law Judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings since 1997. Experience in administrative law, environmental law, mediation, and governmental liability. Contract special education hearing officer since 2014.
<b>Lucius D. Bunton</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1980. Graduate of Southern Methodist University Law School. Experience in administrative law, employment law, mediation, civil litigation, and civil rights litigation. Contract special education hearing officer since 1982.
<b>Hunter Burkhalter</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1992. Graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings since 2009. Experience in administrative law, mediation, and civil litigation. Contract special education hearing officer since 2013.
<b>Mary Carolyn Carmichael</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1990. Graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Experience in public school law, public utilities law, administrative law, disability law, employment law, and mediation. Contract special education hearing officer since 1999.
<b>Sharon Cloninger</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1994. Graduate of The University of Texas School of Law. Administrative Law Judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings since 2000. Experience in administrative law and mediation. Contract special education hearing officer since 2014.
<b>Sandra Garcia Huhn</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1991. Graduate of University of Houston School of Law. Experience in administrative law, school law, elder law, and health care law. Contract special education hearing officer since 2013.

<b>Shannon Kilgore</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1988. Graduate of Harvard University Law School. Administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings since 2000. Experience in administrative law, environmental law, and mediation. Contract special education hearing officer since 2013.
<b>Ann Vevier Lockwood</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1984. Graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. Experience in civil litigation, employment law, civil rights law, employee grievance hearings, and mediation. Former classroom teacher. Contract special education hearing officer since 1990.
<b>Suzanne Marshall</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1984. Graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law. Administrative law judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings since 2001. Experience in administrative law, civil litigation, employment law, civil rights law, education law, disabilities law, governmental law, and mediation. Contract special education hearing officer since 2014.
<b>Michael O'Malley</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1989. Graduate of St. Mary's University School of Law. Administrative Law Judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings since 1995. Administrative Law Judge/Hearings Examiner at the Texas Public Utility Commission, 1990-1995. Experience in administrative law, public utility law, environmental law, and mediation. Contract special education hearing officer since 2014.
<b>Kerrie Qualtrough</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1990. Graduate of the South Texas School of Law. Administrative Law Judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings since 2009. Experience in administrative law, environmental law, utility law, and mediation. Contract special education hearing officer since 2014.
<b>Lynn E. Rubinett</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1985. Graduate of Northeastern University School of Law. Experience in civil litigation, civil rights law, labor and employment law, education law, disability rights law, administrative law, and mediation. Contract special education hearing officer since 1994.
<b>Brenda Rudd</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1982. Graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law. Experience in civil and criminal litigation, family law, administrative law, and mediation. Former classroom teacher. Contract special education hearing officer since 2003.
<b>Sherry Wetsch</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1991. Graduate of the University of North Dakota School of Law. Also licensed to practice law in Missouri and North Dakota. Experience in administrative law, school law, government law, and mediation. Contract special education hearing officer since 2013.
<b>Penny Wilkov</b>	Texas practicing attorney since 1981. Graduate of Texas Tech University School of Law. Administrative Law Judge at the State Office of Administrative Hearings since 2004. Former municipal court judge. Experience in administrative law, employment law, civil rights, mediation, and governmental liability. Contract special education hearing officer since 2014.